

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.G
Historic Name:	Old Town Center Historic District
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	Eastham Center
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Agricultural; Other Governmental or Civic; Other Religious; Residential District
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Community Planning; Politics Government; Recreation; Religion
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (5/12/1986); Nat'l Register District (3/2/2001)
Building Materials(s):	

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Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 2/99

Date Due: n/a

Date Reviewed: 3/3/99

Type: _____ Individual ☒ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Old Town Center Inventory Form: 31-35; 92; 112-120; 148

Address: West of Route 6/ Salt Pond Road/Locust Public Road



Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: _____ Honor _____ ITC ☒ Grant ☒ R & C _____ Other:

Agency: _____ Staff in charge of Review: BK

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

____ Eligible
____ Eligible, also in district
____ Eligible only in district
____ Ineligible
____ More information needed

DISTRICTS

☒ Eligible
____ Ineligible
____ More information needed

CRITERIA: ☒ A _____ B ☒ C _____ D

LEVEL: ☒ Local _____ State _____ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Brian Knight

The Old Town Center, located west of Route 6 in the Salt Pond area of Eastham, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A and C (local level). The Old Town Center, which has been a local historic district since 1986, has a well represented selection of historically intact municipal and residential buildings. The contributing buildings range from the late 18th century to the early 20th Century and they are represented by an equal amount of residential homes and converted commercial/municipal buildings. Although there are a few isolated examples of modern addition, the majority of the buildings retain their architectural integrity. The Old Town Historic District is also significant as the area represents the development of the town as a civic center. With the district, there is the Old Town hall, Post Office, School and various taverns, which all serve as reminders of Eastham's history.

The boundary for the proposed National Register District is a direct reflection of the 1986 Local Historic District's boundaries. Although this margin may be acceptable for the LHD, MHC suggests that the edges of the NRHD should be created without the influence of the pre-existing boundaries. In particular, there are properties along Route 6, which are part of the LHD, that should be removed from the proposed NRHD. This will decrease the amount of non-contributing buildings within the district and maintain a feeling of continuity. In addition, some of the properties that comprises the interior elements of the district need to be evaluated. At the time of evaluation, there were a few properties where it was unclear of the type of building that was located on a property.